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AGENCY GENERAL COUNSEL OPINION

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COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF LAW PERTAINING TO
FEDERAL RECORDS

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2. THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SHOULD COMPLY WITH
PUBLIC LAWS 152 AND 754 WHENEVER POSSIBLE, EVEN
THOUGH EACH SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTS CIA FROM ITS PRO-
VISIONS. HOWEVER, IF SUCH COMPLIANCE WOULD RESULT
IN THE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INTELLIGENCE
SOURCES AND METHODS, PUBLIC LAW 253 MUST BE
FOLLOWED.

3. THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SHOULD COMPLY WITH
EXECUTIVE ORDER 9784* WHENEVER POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH IT
DOES NOT REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFOR-
MATION WHICH WOULD ENDANGER THE NATIONAL INTEREST OR
LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS. CONSEQUENTLY, NO RELIANCE
UPON PUBLIC LAW 253 SEEMS NECESSARY.

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* Dated Sept. 25, 1946. Provides for the more
efficient use and for the transfer and other
disposition of Gov't records.